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even Senator Cavanaugh would realize that this is absolutely necessary. As Senator Marsh advised us the other day when this was happening that we were making a mistake because these kinds of dollars are absolutely needed for the maintenance of those campuses. I would hope that you would support this amendment.

SENATOR HASEBROCK: Chair recognizes Senator Cavanaugh.

SENATOR CAVANAUGH: Senator Koch, Senator Lewis, I don't recognize that this is an absolute necessity. I'm glad that Senator Lewis has provided you with a hand-out, because I would have provided it to you otherwise. The hand-out indicates, and I think that it is the strongest evidence that could be provided to this legislature of the nature and scope and the extent of the problem within the university administration. Within two hours of the acceptance by this legislature of the million dollar reduction in administrative budget, this hand-out and this computation was available. Now what does the systems office at the University of Nebraska tell you that they do? That they serve the Board of Regents, and the Board of Regents sets the policy and they come to this legislature and they come to the Governor and they seek lump sum budgeting in order that they not be accountable to this legislature and that they be accountable solely and exclusively to the policy decisions of the Board of Regents. Now, did the Board of Regents meet within those two hours and decide that a \$160,000 of that reduction would go to the UNL campus; and that \$97,000 would go to the UNO campus; and that a mere \$52,000 was all that could be spared out of the systems office of the university system? I don't think that they did. What happened was that they tell me that these percentages are the percentages that assessed for any increase or decrease in the university budget no matter what happens. Now, what does that tell you. First of all it tells you that you don't need a Board of Regents, it should tell you that you don't need a legislature, it should also tell you that you don't need a systems office. If everything, if every dollar that is going to be appropriated for the university system is divided on the basis of 32% UNL; 19% UNO; 8% Med Center; 10% Central Administration and 29.6% the computer. The Board of Regents are not necessary the president is not necessary. About all that is necessary is the computer in order that these funds can be doled out in this fashion. The problem is that the systems office has a strangle hold upon this university system that it is protecting itself and that it is protecting itself to serve the purposes of duplicate administration, and every burgeoning and increasing administration, and this legislature has got to put a stop to it. Now, I have an amendment, which the Pages will distribute to you, and had I been aware of the fact that the university systems office would take this immediate and irresponsible action in assessing these reductions in the manner that they did, I would have offered my original amendment in the fashion of this amendment. But, the fact is that this is not the only way that you can reduce a million dollars from administration at the University of Nebraska. It is not written in stone that only \$52,000 can be taken from the systems office in central administration